

MEETING SUMMARY

DATE August 19, 2014
PLACE 50 W Gay St
TIME 3:00 pm – 4:04 pm

A CALL TO ORDER

Present: Denis de Verteuil, Kim Way, Matt Egner, William Fergus, Trent Smith, Bart Overly (arrived ~3:04 p.m.) and Frank Petruziello (arrived ~ 3:10 p.m.).

Staff Present: Jackie Yeoman, Dan Ferdelman, Mark Dravillas and Christopher Lohr

B APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3:02- 3:04 Meeting Summary- July 15, 2014.

Motion: To approve the July 15, 2014 Meeting Summary.

Motion By: Mr. Way / second by Mr. de Verteuil

Result: Approval (5-0) Mr. Petruziello and Mr. Overly not present for vote

C STAFF UPDATE

3:04 - 3:14 Update Provided to Board by Mark Dravillas

Discussion:

- Mrs. Yeoman introduced Mr. Ryan Szymanski.
- Mr. Dravillas thanked Mr. Petruziello for serving on the EFRB during its inaugural year.
- Mr. Dravillas explained the Infrastructure Master Plan should be completed by the end of the year.
 - DPU will present on Plan when complete.
 - EFRB recommendation on street trees should be on hold until Plan complete.
 - Staff will schedule the City Forester to meet with the EFRB.
- Mr. Smith asked if the Infrastructure Master Plan will include assessment and design; Mr. Dravillas responded to his knowledge it will, but staff will verify and provide an update to the Board at its next meeting.
- Mr. Ferdelman asked why the Infrastructure Master Plan does not extend to SR-315.
- Mr. Dravillas stated the City of Columbus has spent approximately \$800,000 acquiring property in East Franklinton and this will likely be the extent of City purchasing land in the district.
 - Site at State St. and McDowell was key purchase
 - Five parcels acquired on Town St. south of Chapel
- Mr. Dravillas used two maps to describe property acquired by the City, property owned by Buyers, and other notable developments in East Franklinton.
 - A Casto-Weiler team was selected by CMHA for their residential development project (south of Rich St.) and may be presenting to the Board for conceptual review this fall.
 - WODA was selected by CMHA to redevelop the warehouses located on CMHA property.
 - NRI is expected to close on Buyers property.
 - Pilot Dogs is considering expanding their location.
- Mr. Dravillas stated the gateway projects at Town St. and Rich St. are on hold while work is being completed on the Scioto Peninsula.

- Mr. Dravillas stated the update to the EF Graphics Design Standards is under review by FBOT and the Franklinton Area Commission. The Design Standards will be voted on by FAC at their September meeting.
- Mr. Way asked staff to clarify and report on the study boundary of the Infrastructure Master Plan, how the Board should comment on areas outside the current study boundary, and if there will be a Phase II of the Master Plan that includes the remainder of EF to SR-315.
- Mr. Egner asked for clarification on Board review of demolition permits.
- Mr. Ferdelman responded the board does have review authority of demolition permits, and a permit should not be issued without a COA from the EFRB.
- Mr. Petruziello asked Mr. Ferdelman to clarify on Board authority to stop a demolition.
- Mr. Ferdelman clarified that if there is no vote by the Board there is a 60-day waiting period before a demolition permit can be issued. This provides time for the proposed demolition to be challenged in court by appropriate parties.

D OLD BUSINESS

E APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

F CONCEPTUAL REVIEW

3:15 - 4:02 Neighborhood Design Center: East Franklinton Design Charrette Presentation

Discussion:

- Mr. Al Berthold, Executive Director of the Neighborhood Design Center, described the project as an effort to provide students working at NDC a real-world project without restrictive parameters such as parking requirements, etc. The students' projects were centered on the area near Mill St. and State St.
 - Mr. Fergus requested staff report; Mrs. Yeoman explained the student's work is conceptual and visionary for East Franklinton, but there are no plans for actual development. Mr. Fergus announced the Board would have an informal discussion with the students about their projects.
 - Shellie Miquel and Lisa Snyder presented their concept "The Urban Stroll."
 - Mr. Smith asked if they had looked at the Goody Clancy plan for East Franklinton.
 - Ms. Miquel/Ms. Snyder responded they did review the Goody Clancy plan; however, they started from scratch and mapping the pedestrian thoroughfare became the driving factor for design.
 - Mr. Overly asked if they looked at the 1965 Franklinton Plan. He stated the greenway reminded him of a proposed canalway in the 1965 plan that connected the Scioto River through East Franklinton. He suggested they should go outside the boundary of the site and connect riverfront to riverfront.
 - Mr. Petruziello stated he felt the path didn't go or come anywhere and that there was also a scale issue. He stated in order to be successful the path would need to either drown out the grid pattern of the street and become "truly grand" or become more intimate, a "cut-through." He elaborated that the team had presented a courageous idea, but encouraged them to be even more courageous.
 - Mr. Overly agreed with Mr. Petruziello and suggested making the pathway a stronger statement.
 - Luke Dougal and Yilin Li presented their concept "Franklinton Skywalk."
 - Mr. Petruziello commented that the team had a very great idea at the beginning of using the upper level tracks as a design concept. He stated the levy in East Franklinton is at the same level as the railroad tracks and there is a great view of the city and the infrastructure potential for more. He elaborated by stating it was a good idea, but not the right site and that the elevated walkway is not connected to anything.
 - Mr. Overly commented that he loved the strategy, but the project is missing awareness of the existing elevated plain in East Franklinton. He suggested looking at Metropol Parasol in Spain as an example of a designed elevated walkway and stated there needs to be more programming for the ground level and the elevated plain.
 - Mr. Fergus asked if the railroad tracks in East Franklinton are abandoned; Mr. Ferdelman responded they are not abandoned.
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- Mr. Way commented that his concern with East Franklinton is that the area does not have a “heart” or center. He found the project intriguing as it created a “heart” for the neighborhood. He stated he viewed the walkway as an art piece and the project created special places.
- Beth Clausing and Jordan Neff-Estle presented their concept “Creating the Vision.”
 - Mr. Way commented once again that he appreciated the team’s design as it began to build the “heart” of the community and provides a gathering space. He stated the boundary of the site was unclear, and commented there is likely a stronger north/south connection between Broad St. and Rich St. than the east/west connection the project created.
- Ms. Neff-Estle thanked the Board for their time and input and thanked city staff for providing input on each project over the past several months.

G STAFF ISSUED CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL

H BOARD APPROVED APPLICATIONS ISSUED CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL

1. 401 W TOWN ST
Roof Top HVAC Units | Reviewed 07/15/2014 | Issued 07/22/2014
2. 524 W BROAD ST
Storefront Modification | Reviewed 07/15/2014 | Issued 07/18/2014

I CLOSING REMARKS

4:02 - 4:04 Closing remarks by Mr. William Fergus, Chair

Discussion:

- Mr. Fergus thanked Mr. Petruziello for his service on the EFRB.
- Board members showed their appreciation for Mr. Petruziello’s service through applause.

J NEXT MEETING

Tuesday- September 16, 2014 at 50 W Gay St at 3:00 pm.